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To: Chief, FBIB

From: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS

Subject: Report of Activities of London Bureau Covering
Month Ending 15 July 1948.

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I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

In a month highlighted by the announcement of currency reform in the Western zones of Germany, the blockade of Berlin and the Cominform denunciation of Yugoslav Communists, the London Bureau, FBIS, was called upon to perform several special tasks. At the request of Radio Network Control, OIC, OMGUS, Berlin, special guidance was given that office on Moscow radio treatment of the Berlin blockade. Full details on time and frequency of Moscow transmissions of news and commentaries in the principal European languages were provided the office of DENA, the news agency in the U. S. zone of Germany, at the latter's request. The Ambassador's office was furnished all texts of Eastern European broadcasts pertaining to the Cominform declaration on Yugoslavia, and the Yugoslav reply. This service was also at the express request of the recipient.

On instructions from Washington, the daily file from the London Bureau was curtailed at the end of the period under review by 10%.

The month marked the visit to this Bureau on temporary duty of the future Chief of [redacted]

A set of test recordings for recruitment purposes, [redacted] was shipped to FBIS, [redacted]

As instructed in memoranda dated 11 May and 25 June, action was taken on the promulgation of security instructions for all personnel of this Bureau. An informal undertaking was received from the Area Security Officer of the Embassy to assist in the security investigation of all native personnel.

II. Accomplishment of overall mission including firmly established individual objectives.

During the month 891,283 words were filed to Washington (previous month 835,991 words). Of this total 856,070 words went via Army Signal Corps facilities, and the remaining 35,213 words by Western Union. Bad atmospheric conditions over the Atlantic for several days necessitated the increased use of commercial filing.

G-2, EUCOM, OIC OMGUS and ODI OMGUS each received 122,200 words of the output of the report section. A total of 46,760 words went to the American Embassy in Paris.

Also during the month 188,959 words [redacted] were relayed to Washington.

III. Proposals for improvement.

Discussions were held with [redacted] Bulgarian and Italian coverage. As soon as reception conditions improve it is anticipated that Bulgarian coverage will increase considerably. As a result of a request made by this Bureau, [redacted] reconsidering a proposal to eliminate the monitoring of ANSA.

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